

SUMMARY

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the verified English language translation of PCT/EP2005/051163, has been cancelled in favor of the concurrently submitted Substitute Specification. A suitable Abstract of the Disclosure has been added. These changes and additions do not constitute any new matter.

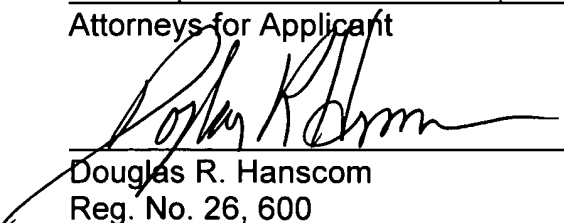
Original claims 1-17 have been cancelled. New claims 18-34 have been added. New claims 18-34 are essentially the same, in scope, as the claims which are pending in the corresponding PCT application. They have been rewritten in a form more in accordance with U.S. practice.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, and its consideration prior to the calculation of the filing fee and prior to an examination of the application on the merits, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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